

**The “Semper Fi” Scholarship**  
**at**  
**Archbishop Curley High School**

***A Description of the Scholarship***

Very often when U.S. Marines take leave of one another or sign off on a message they say *Semper Fi*. It is an abbreviation of their motto *Semper Fidelis* which means “Always Faithful.” In memory of the many Marines who have remained “always faithful” to God, country, the Corps, and one another, this scholarship is established for those Catholic families who have been faithful to the Catholic Church. In addition to keeping the Ten Commandments, a faithful Catholic keeps the precepts or laws of the Church, namely:

- Attending Mass and resting from servile labor on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
- Confessing one's sins at least once a year;
- Receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season;
- Observing the days of fast and abstinence established by the Church; and
- Helping to provide for the needs of the Church.

The scholarship process involves the completion of an application along with supporting documents from the Parish and the Pastor that evidence a commitment by the applicant and his family to living their Catholic faith. Essays from the parent and the student about the importance of living their Catholic faith including Mass attendance, going to confession, observing fast and abstinence days and involvement in parish organizations and activities are also included.

The scholarship award is made on an annual basis upon the application and the completion of tuition assistance forms. A student may receive this scholarship in any year of his education and it is renewable on an annual basis. A committee comprised of the donor and Archbishop Curley High School administration will determine the annual awards.

The Applicant is responsible for meeting the deadline of January 5, 2024 and having all related material submitted by that date.

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**Student Application for Renewal of Award for School Year 2024-25:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Involved in the Parish in the following ways: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[This Essay is not required for a Scholarship Renewal. However, the parent is welcome to add information new from the previous year's application, e.g. a particular parish involvement with your family this past year.]

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***Parent Essay***

How do you live and model your Catholic faith to your child(ren)? (200 word maximum)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[A full Essay is not required for a Scholarship Renewal. However, the student is asked to share the particular ways he has tried to live his faith, participate in his parish, etc. during the past year.]

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***Student Essay***

How do you demonstrate your Catholic faith in your life? (200 word maximum)

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Parish/Pastor’s Reference***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The way this family has shared their Time, Talents, Treasures with our Parish:

Time: (indicate involvement with Parish programs and events)

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Talent: (indicate particular skills/services performed for the Parish)

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Treasure: (Please indicate the number of weekends [not envelopes] one or more envelopes were placed in the collection in the past year.): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does the family regularly attend Mass on Sundays, Holy Days, and receive Sacraments?

\_\_\_\_\_ Sundays (please give estimated number of Sundays per year)

\_\_\_\_\_ January 1, Solemnity of Mary

\_\_\_\_\_ August 15, Assumption of Mary

\_\_\_\_\_ November 1, All Saints Day

\_\_\_\_\_ December 8, Immaculate Conception

\_\_\_\_\_ December 25, Christmas.

3. Family support of Parish School and/or Religious Education:

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Parish

Seal:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor

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Date